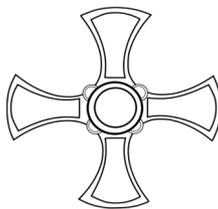


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Sunday 22nd August 2021 - 21st Sunday of the Year

Like a barrister, St. John sets Jesus' case before us. He sets it out in measured bite sizes so that we can digest one fact before moving onto the next. We see Jesus healing people and curing the sick. We see him present us with a sign of his divinity in the feeding of the five thousand. We see Jesus teaching people about the more enduring bread sent to nourish us spiritually, and finally we learn that Jesus himself is that living bread come down from heaven to give us everlasting life.

The case is complete, but the audience have a sticking point. There were those amongst Jesus' disciples who could not accept that Jesus had come down from heaven, and they turned their backs and left. What was Jesus to do? Should he call them back and make the truth easier for them to understand? Should he work another miracle to convince them that little bit more?

No! Jesus turns to those who are left and gives them a choice, they have heard what he has said about eating and drinking his flesh and blood, and now they have a choice. So, are they going to remain his followers or are they too going to turn their backs.

The same choice is levelled at us today. We can believe or we can leave? Difficult choices always have something in common; there is always some kind of sticking point. To make a difficult choice we often need a missing piece of information, or a new perspective. Peter gives us that perspective. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life." To Peter, the choice was easy. To Peter there was really no choice to be made. Who else was there to follow but Jesus?



We make the same choice as Peter every week in Mass when we celebrate the Eucharist. In celebrating the Eucharist we make a choice to follow where Jesus may lead.

Masses and Intentions this week

	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth	St Bede's Church Bedlington
Saturday 21st August <i>Dedication St Mary's Cathedral</i>	10am Mass: Morton Stott (MB) 10.30am: Adoration and Confessions 12 noon Wedding: Amy Ruffle and Kyle Reardon	5pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: John & Catherine McGinn
Sunday 22nd August 21st Sunday Yr B	9am Mass: People of the Parish 11am Mass: Morton Stott (ED)	
Monday 23rd August <i>Weekday / St Rose of Lima</i>		10am Mass: Michael Goonan
Tuesday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	10am Mass: Ken Wilson & Wilson family	
Wednesday 25th August <i>Weekday</i>		10am Mass: Pat Stawicki & Dcd Mbrs of the Monaghan family
Thursday 26th August <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	10am Mass: Joel Rowland (RS)	
Friday 27th August <i>St Monica</i>		10am Mass: Jim, Sarah & James Craik
Saturday 28th August <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	10am Mass: Babs & Paddy O'Connell (EH) 10.30am - 11am: Adoration and Confessions	5pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Morton Stott (AC)
Sunday 29th August 22nd Sunday Yr B	9am Mass: Jean and William White 11am Mass: People of the Parish 1pm Nuptial Mass: Wedding of Katie Marshall and Josh Marshall	



The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for August 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



At this time of the Church's year, we are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; and Seafarers. Please pray for family members, parishioners, those we know who are unwell; we pray for those in hospital, recovering from or awaiting surgery; and at this difficult time of the coronavirus we pray for all suffering from COVID-19; for all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Updated Coronavirus Advice

Our Churches are open and we are celebrating Mass and we encourage you to come back to join those who have already returned. If unable to come on a Sunday, come during the week! If you are out shopping and in the supermarkets, if you are going out for meals, if you're attending weekend sports events, if you're mixing with family and friends regularly, why not come back to church! We are probably safer than most other venues! We are still continuing with "covid-safe" controls until further notice. We therefore ask that you ... book to come to Sunday Mass, continue wearing a face covering in Church, use the hand gel provided at the door and in the benches, observe our social distancing guidelines whilst in Church.

NEWSLETTERS AND MISALLETTES: If you are holding this Newsletter, or a Mass Sheet, as a paper copy in Church on Sunday, please remember that you **MUST** take it away with you. COVID-19 guidelines state that because you have handled it, you cannot just put it back on the table at the back of Church. It's handy to have a Newsletter at home and good to reflect on today's readings in the Missalette! If you do not wish to keep it, please leave it in your bench and it will be immediately destroyed by those who will tidy and clean the Church after Mass.

Booking for Mass

You should continue to book for Sunday Mass, until further notice.

To book your place at the Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church
Please call St Bede's Presbytery ☎ 01670 823 258

Monday - Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

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To book your place at Sunday Mass at St Robert's Church

Please call St Robert's Presbytery ☎ 01670 513 410

**Please note the times to ring St Robert's for booking for Mass have been changed since the last week of July to ...**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am - 12noon**

**If you ring out of these hours, your call may not be answered, and your booking may be missed**

### CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. They are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. They are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how everyone can express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us all to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

